

officer or agent of the city shall knowingly or without careful examination of the work falsely report the same to be completed according to the contract, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to the city for the whole amount expended by reason of such report. The survey and plat as adopted by the city council shall be filed and preserved in the office of the city clerk. Upon the completion of any such work, one-half the cost of the sidewalk shall be apportioned and assessed according to frontage upon and against the abutting lots, and the same shall be a charge and lien upon such lots against all and every owner, mortgagee, trustee or lessee thereof. The amount so assessed against each lot shall be marked upon the engineer's plat on file in the city clerk's office and entered upon the city tax list of the current year against the property and shall be collected as other taxes. If any property-owner shall give notice to the city clerk within sixty days after the completion of such work that he desires to pay such charge in installments, he shall have the privilege of paying same in five equal annual installments to be due at the same time taxes are due and collectible, and such installments shall bear annual interest at the rate of six per centum per annum from the time of the completion of the work until paid.

Liability.

Survey and plat filed.

One-half cost of sidewalk a lien on lot.

Assessments entered on plat.

Payment in five installments.

Interest.

## FRANCHISES, ETC.

SEC. 18. No franchise, lease, license by whatever name, or grant, to occupy or use the streets, alleys, parks, squares, and other public places of the city, either on, through, across, under or over the same, and no other franchise, shall be granted by the city to any association, corporation, or individual for a longer period than thirty years, nor shall any renewal or extension of any such franchise already made or which may be hereafter made be valid, if made more than eighteen months before the expiration of the original grant and unless three months public notice has been given of the application for such renewal, by publication in some newspaper of general circulation in said city. Such grant and any contract made in pursuance thereof may provide that, upon the termination of the franchise or license, the plant as well as the property, if any, of the grantee in the streets, avenues, alleys, and other public places shall thereupon, without further or other compensation to the grantee or licensee, or upon the payment of a fair valuation thereof, ascertained in a manner therein prescribed, be and become the property of the city; but in no event shall the grantee or licensee be entitled to any payment because of any valuation derived from the franchise. No franchise shall be granted in the first instance except upon notice of at least ten days in some newspaper published and having general circulation in the city, and after three readings of such proposed franchise at three separate meetings of the city council at intervals of at least one week after such publication of notice, which shall state the time

Limit of grants of franchise.

Limit of renewal and extension.

Notice of application for renewal.

Conditions of grant.

Franchise not valued.

Procedure for granting franchise.